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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A status reporting system (SRS) for automatically reporting updated status of a project to an interested party based on status information stored in a status system, the SRS being communicatively coupled to the status system and comprising:

a monitoring device contacting the status system to determine whether such status system has new status information stored therein and obtaining such new status information from the status system; and

an internal mail device receiving the obtained status information, ascertaining from the received status information the interested party, locating an electronic mail address for the interested party, formatting the received status information into a piece of electronic mail which includes the received status information and the located electronic mail address, and forwarding the piece of electronic mail to the interested party by way of an electronic mail service,

the SRS further comprising an ID database, the status system tagging the status information stored therein with an ID identifying the interested party, the ID database including a record having the ID and the electronic mail address for the interested party, and the internal mail device locating the electronic mail address for the interested party from the ID database based on the ID tagged to the received status information,

the SRS further comprising a status database including status data, the monitoring device referring to the status data in the status database in conjunction with determining whether the status system has new status information stored therein,

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wherein each piece of status information stored in the status system is tagged

with a time stamp, wherein the status data in the status database includes a time indicative of

a last contact review of the status system by the monitoring device, and wherein the

monitoring device obtains from the status system only those pieces of status information

stored therein that have a time stamp later than the time of the last review as stored in the

status database, and

wherein the status database is updated with a time indicative of the present

review.

2.   (Original)   The SRS of claim 1 wherein the electronic mail service

is selected from a group consisting of an Internet E-Mail mail service, an Internet voice mail

service, and a telephone-based voice mail service, and wherein the internal mail device

formats the received status information into a piece of electronic mail compatible with the

selected electronic mail service.

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Previously Presented)   The SRS of claim 1 wherein the ID

database includes a record having the ID and electronic mail addresses for a plurality of

interested parties, and wherein the internal mail device locates the electronic mail addresses

for the plurality of interested parties from the ID database based on the ID tagged to the

received status information, formats the received status information into a piece of electronic

mail which includes the received status information and the located electronic mail addresses,

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and forwards the piece of electronic mail to the plurality of interested parties by way of the

electronic mail service.

5.　　(Canceled)

6.　　(Currently Amended) The SRS of claim [[5]] 1 wherein the status data

in the status database includes previous status information obtained from the status system for

the project, and wherein the monitoring device compares the status information for the

project as stored in the status database and the status information for the project as stored in

the status system and notes differences that identify the new status information.

7.　　(Original)　　The SRS of claim 6 wherein the status database is

updated with the new status information.

8-9　　(Canceled)

10.　　(Original)　　The SRS of claim 1 wherein the monitoring device

contacts the status system and obtains the new status information therefrom automatically on

a periodic basis.

11.　　(Original)　　The SRS of claim 1 for automatically reporting updated

status of a plurality of projects to corresponding interested party based on status information

stored in the status system, wherein the internal mail device receives obtained pieces of status

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information, ascertains from each received piece of status information the corresponding

interested party, locates an electronic mail address for the corresponding interested party,

formats the received piece of status information into a piece of electronic mail which includes

the received piece of status information and the located corresponding electronic mail

address, and forwards the piece of electronic mail to the corresponding interested party by

way of the electronic mail service.

12.   (Original)   The SRS of claim 1 further comprising a memory

storing the obtained new status information.

13.   (Currently Amended) A method for automatically reporting updated

status of a project to an interested party based on status information stored in a status system,

the method comprising:

        contacting the status system to determine whether such status system has new

status information stored therein, and obtaining such new status information from the status

system;

        ascertaining from the obtained status information the interested party;

        locating an electronic mail address for the interested party;

        formatting the obtained status information into a piece of electronic mail

which includes the received status information and the located electronic mail address; and

        forwarding the piece of electronic mail to the interested party by way of an

electronic mail service,

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the method comprising ascertaining the interested party from an ID identifying

the interested party and tagged to the received status information; and

locating the electronic mail address for the interested party based on the ID

tagged to the received status information,

the method further comprising referring to status data in conjunction with

determining whether the status system has new status information stored therein,

wherein each piece of status information stored in the status system is tagged

with a time stamp, and wherein the status data includes a time indicative of a last contact

review of the status system, the method comprising obtaining from the status system only

those pieces of status information stored therein that have a time stamp later than the time of

the last review as stored in the status data,

the method comprising updating the status data with a time indicative of the

present review.

14.   (Original)   The method of claim 13 wherein the electronic mail

service is selected from a group consisting of an Internet E-Mail mail service, an Internet

voice mail service, and a telephone-based voice mail service, and comprising formatting the

obtained status information into a piece of electronic mail compatible with the selected

electronic mail service.

15.   (Canceled)

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16.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 13 comprising

ascertaining a plurality of interested parties from an ID identifying the plurality of interested

parties and tagged to the received status information and locating an electronic mail address

for each interested party based on the ID tagged to the received status information.

17.   (Canceled)

18.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[17]] 13 wherein the

status data includes previous status information obtained from the status system for the

project, the method comprising comparing the previous status information for the project and

the status information for the project as stored in the status system and noting differences that

identify the new status information.

19.   (Original)   The method of claim 18 comprising updating the status

data with the new status information.

20-21 (Canceled)

22.   (Original)   The method of claim 13 comprising contacting the

status system and obtaining the new status information therefrom automatically on a periodic

basis.

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23.   (Original)   The method of claim 13 comprising automatically reporting updated status of a plurality of projects to corresponding interested party based on status information stored in the status system.

24.   (Original)   The method of claim 13 further comprising storing the obtained new status information in a memory.

25.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions implementing a method for automatically reporting updated status of a project to an interested party based on status information stored in a status system, the method comprising:

contacting the status system to determine whether such status system has new status information stored therein, and obtaining such new status information from the status system;

ascertaining from the obtained status information the interested party;

locating an electronic mail address for the interested party;

formatting the obtained status information into a piece of electronic mail which includes the received status information and the located electronic mail address; and

forwarding the piece of electronic mail to the interested party by way of an electronic mail service,

the method comprising ascertaining the interested party from an ID identifying the interested party and tagged to the received status information; and

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locating the electronic mail address for the interested party based on the ID

tagged to the received status information,

the method further comprising referring to status data in conjunction with

determining whether the status system has new status information stored therein,

wherein each piece of status information stored in the status system is tagged

with a time stamp, and wherein the status data includes a time indicative of a last contact

review of the status system, the method comprising obtaining from the status system only

those pieces of status information stored therein that have a time stamp later than the time of

the last review as stored in the status data,

the method comprising updating the status data with a time indicative of the

present review.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The medium of claim 25 wherein the

electronic mail service is selected from a group consisting of an Internet E-Mail mail service,

an Internet voice mail service, and a telephone-based voice mail service, and wherein the

method comprises formatting the obtained status information into a piece of electronic mail

compatible with the selected electronic mail service.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The medium of claim 25 wherein the

method comprises ascertaining a plurality of interested parties from an ID identifying the

plurality of interested parties and tagged to the received status information and locating an

electronic mail address for each interested party based on the ID tagged to the received status

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28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim [[28]] 25 wherein the status data includes previous status information obtained from the status system for the project, the method comprising comparing the previous status information for the project and the status information for the project as stored in the status system and noting differences that identify the new status information.

30. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 29 wherein the method comprises updating the status data with the new status information.

31-32 (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 25 wherein the method comprises contacting the status system and obtaining the new status information therefrom automatically on a periodic basis.

34. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 25 wherein the method comprises automatically reporting updated status of a plurality of projects to corresponding interested party based on status information stored in the status system.

35. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 25 wherein the method further comprises storing the obtained new status information in a memory.